

REMARKS

The Examiner has identified two groups of inventions, namely Groups I-II which the Examiner contends comprise distinct inventions. Group I comprises claims 1-4 and Group II comprises claims 5-11.

Without addressing the veracity of the Examiner's election requirement, Applicant herein elects claims 1-4 directed to the treatment for dental unit water systems. Applicant's election is made without traverse solely to expedite the prosecution of the present application, and to expedite substantive examination of the application. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file continuation applications with the non-elected claims.

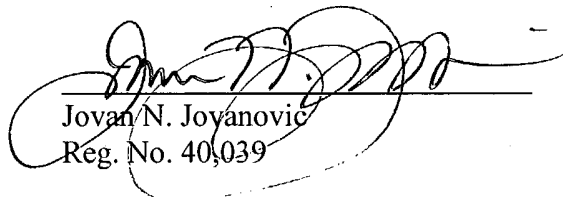
In light of the foregoing, the Application, as a whole, is in *prima facie* condition for substantive examination at the present time. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests substantive examination of the presently pending claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the foregoing, a telephone call to the undersigned at (616) 355-0400 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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